

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/088,476	HIROTA ET AL.	
	Examiner Tu M. Nguyen	Art Unit 3748	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Tu M. Nguyen (examiner). (3) _____.

(2) Seth Kim (attorney). (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 30 March 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: all pending claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tokuda et al. (U.S. Patent 5,489,319) and Patta (U.S. Patent 5,582,002).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argues that the prior art of record fail to disclose the means for judging if the filter will be deteriorated by heat derived from the oxidation of the particulates. The examiner will carefully considered the applicant's arguments when formally submitted.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Tu M. Nguyen

Examiner's signature, if required